

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 4:00 PM

FSUS STEAM Exhibition Room

Members Present

Darryl Marshall, Chair; Carlos Villa, Vice Chair; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo; Gillian Gregory; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan

Members Absent

Jimmy Cole; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Amanda Grace; Katie Perkins

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Christopher Small, Interim Executive Director; Samantha Nelson, Faculty Representative; Jake Urban, Student Representative

Staff and Guests Present

Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Megan Crombie, Director of Research, Data and Learning; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Robert Prater, IT Director; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer, FSUS; Pock'o Vause, Assistant Director, Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk; Suzanne Wilkenson, Principal

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM. Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection.

Teacher Report

Ms. Nelson offered the following updates:

- Testing season has begun. Fourth through tenth graders participated in the writing assessment the week prior. Additional FAST tests are scheduled for the next several weeks.
- Students are participating in multiple activities, including the Spring musical, the second grade spelling bee, Earth Day events, and Field Day.
- Middle school awards night will be held at the end of April; elementary awards are scheduled for the beginning of May.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the 3/18/25 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Bobo moved approval of the following consent agenda item:

- Public Hearing and Final Adoption: Policy 7.70 – Procurement and Purchasing.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection.

Action Items

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of the first amendment to the 2015 renewal and amendment of Charter between Florida State University and The Florida State University Schools, Inc. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Ms. McKinney-Williams presented the conflict of interest acknowledgement form to the board. Ms. Wasson will distribute the form via DocuSign for signatures.

Committee Updates

Dr. Park-Gaghan reported the Nominating Committee had received a total of 4 community applicants and 25 parent applicants. Mr. Marshall reported the Board Bylaws and Vision committee will hold its first meeting the following day.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported a case had been filed in circuit court and served on the school pertaining to an alleged incident in 2022 involving an allegedly injured student. The school's insurance company has contracted with the Pennington Law firm to handle the case. A second OCR complaint has also been received alleging disability discrimination in admissions. Response is due in 15 days.

Director's Business

Dr. Small offered the following updates:

- Administration worked with Ms. Gregory to review the current articulation agreement with FSU.
- The school will be using CARE for background checks and fingerprinting, allowing them to be performed in-house.
- A two-day board retreat will be scheduled for June.
- DOH is updating their MOU with the school for its emergency shelter. Updates will be in-place prior to the beginning of hurricane season.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.